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Thanks is given to Jill J. Johnson and Carie Fuhrman, exiting members of the board.

Who We Are

The Minnesota Small Business Development Center (MnSBDC) network philosophy is based on the principle that helping our small businesses is critical to our economy and the quality of our communities. We offer customized technical assistance and support to businesses at any point in their entire life cycle, from start-up to growth to exit strategies.

Our Services

MnSBDC program services are focused in three primary areas – professional business consultation, training, and access to capital. Our professional business consultants provide confidential assistance at no cost to entrepreneurs and small business owners throughout Minnesota. Below are just some of the areas in which they provide relevant and sound advice:

- Start-up assistance
- Business plan development
- Access to capital and loan packaging
- Business operations
- Cash flow management and financial analysis
- Bookkeeping and accounting systems
- Marketing plan development and market research
- Website development/social media/eCommerce
- Buying or selling a business
- Business valuation and succession planning
- Export/international trade assistance
- Turn-around assistance for struggling businesses

We don't provide direct financing, but can help you identify funding sources and access all types of capital including SBA loans, private bank loans, microloans and venture capital.

Our Clients

Our clients cover the spectrum – women, veterans, minorities, experienced, novices, young, old and in between. We've included just a few success stories, but here's what our clients say about the help they got from the MnSBDC:

- 88% said the services they received were beneficial
- 93% would recommend the MnSBDC to other business owners

Partners In Success

Our partners share in the vision for Minnesota's business success and recognize the direct positive relationship between nurturing small business and the well-being of their communities, regions and the state as a whole. Funding for the program comes from the U.S. Small Business Administration, the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, the institutions of higher learning that host our regional centers, many community lenders, economic development organizations, corporate donors, and private individuals. We're so grateful for their incredible continuing commitment to this program.

Together, we are helping entrepreneurs and businesses grow and succeed.

2014 MINNESOTA SBDC HIGHLIGHTS



3,367 Entrepreneurs/
Businesses Served



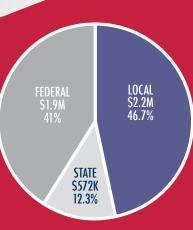
35,830 Total Hours of Consulting Services



7,828 Jobs Created and Saved



\$104.2M Capital Accessed for Business Investment



Minnesota SBDC Budget Sources 2014



228 New Businesses Created



\$306.3M Business Revenue Increased



\$7.14 Return on Investment for Every \$1 Invested in the Program

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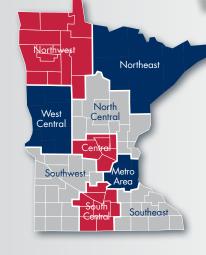
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